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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORTAS OF 12/31/02

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

**CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

**220 Bush Street, Suite 950**

(No. and Street)

**San Francisco**

(City)

**California**

(State)

**94104**

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

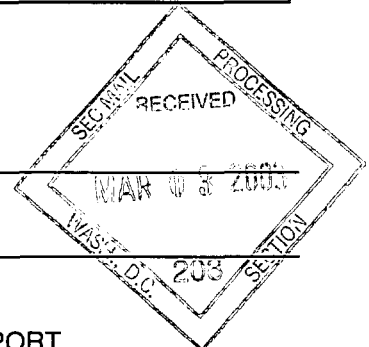
**Trent S. Cutler**

**(415) 445-6687**

(Area Code - Telephone No)

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B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

**Ryan & Juraska, Certified Public Accountants**

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

**141 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 3520**

(Address)

**Chicago**

(City)

**Illinois**

(State)

**60604**

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

☒ Certified Public Accountant

☐ Public Accountant

☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

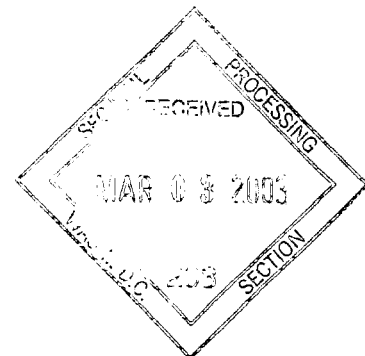
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**CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**  
**(A California Limited Partnership)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES  
PURSUANT TO SEC RULE 17a-5(d)**

**as of December 31, 2002**  
**AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION**

## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Trent S. Cutler, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Cutler Group, L.P. as of December 31, 2002 are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
None  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Executive Officer  
Title

Subscribed and sworn to before me this



Philip C Ryan  
Notary Public

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes)

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☐ (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital for Brokers and Dealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1.
- ☒ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☒ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements for Brokers and Dealers Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
- ☒ (o) Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control.
- ☐ (p) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation – Customers' Regulated Commodity Futures Accounts Pursuant to CFTC Rule 1.10(d)(2)(iv).

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see Section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Partners of  
Cutler Group, L.P.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Cutler Group, L.P. as of December 31, 2002 that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cutler Group, L.P. as of December 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statement taken as a whole. The information contained in the supplementary schedules is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole.

*Ryan & Juraska*

Chicago, Illinois  
February 13, 2003

**CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**  
**(A California Limited Partnership)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 64,652
Receivables from broker-dealer	51,889,972
Securities owned, at market	
Long stocks	40,331,139
Long options	37,492,291
Promissory notes receivable	708,113
Receivable from general partner	353,145
Exchange memberships, at cost (market value \$282,000)	304,300
Furniture and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$500,458)	504,305
Computer software and hardware developed for internal use (net of accumulated amortization of \$393,634)	571,570
Other assets	<u>109,627</u>
	<u>\$ 132,329,114</u>

**LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL**

**Liabilities**

Loan payable to broker-dealer	\$ 263,500
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at market	
Short stocks	84,970,037
Short options	33,177,771
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>1,603,914</u>
	<u>120,015,222</u>

<b>Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors</b>	<u>1,000,000</u>
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**Partners' Capital**

General partner	928
Limited partners	<u>11,312,964</u>
	<u>11,313,892</u>
	<u>\$ 132,329,114</u>

See accompanying notes.

**CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**  
**(A California Limited Partnership)**

**NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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**1. Organization**

Cutler Group, L.P. (the "Partnership"), a California limited partnership, was organized on February 1, 1994. The Partnership is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Pacific Exchange, Inc. (the "PCX"), the Chicago Board Options Exchange (the "CBOE") and the International Securities Exchange (the "ISE"). The Partnership is a market maker on the PCX, the CBOE and the ISE and engages primarily in the proprietary trading of exchange-traded equity securities and equity options contracts.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Revenue Recognition and Securities Valuation

Securities transactions and related revenue and expenses are recorded on a trade date basis. Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are recorded in the statement of financial condition at market value, with related unrealized profit or loss included in net trading gain in the statement of operations.

Income Taxes

No provision has been made for federal income taxes, as the taxable income of the partnership is included in the respective income tax returns of the partners. However, the State of California requires an annual minimum tax of \$800 and the State of Illinois imposes a replacement tax of 1.5% of Illinois income. These taxes, imposed at the partnership level, are included in other expenses in the statement of operations.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Depreciation

Depreciation of furniture and computer equipment is computed using the straight-line method for financial reporting and the straight line and accelerated methods for income tax purposes.

Computer Software and Hardware Developed for Internal Use

Direct costs of materials and services incurred in developing internal-use computer software and hardware, including payroll costs for employees directly associated with the project, were capitalized during the application development stage. Such capitalized costs are being amortized over their estimated useful lives. Post-development operation stage costs are expensed as incurred. During 2002, the Partnership ceased utilization of certain internally developed software that resulted in a write-down of \$396,153 of the unamortized cost basis of \$792,305. Also during 2002, the Partnership capitalized additional software development costs totaling approximately \$305,000.

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**NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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**3. Partnership Agreement**

The General Partner

The Partnership's general partner is Trent Cutler Capital, LLC (the "General Partner"). The General Partner conducts and manages the business of the Partnership.

Profit and Loss Allocations

All profits and losses are allocated quarterly with a maximum of 40% to the General Partner and a minimum of 60% to the limited partners, subject to the following:

- a. Profits shall first be allocated to limited partners in proportion to their respective ownership percentages as of the first day each calendar quarter to remove unrecouped losses for such limited partners.
- b. The General Partner will be allocated a maximum of 40% of all remaining profits and losses. The General Partner's allocation is credited to the General Partner's capital account as of the end of each calendar quarter. However, it is not withdrawable by the General Partner until the end of each calendar year. The General Partner's allocation is subject to recoupment by the limited partners in a subsequent calendar quarter within the same calendar year where there is a loss in such subsequent calendar quarter.
- c. After the maximum 40% General Partner allocation, the remaining net profits and losses for each calendar quarter are allocated to the limited partners in proportion to their respective ownership percentages as of the first day of such calendar quarter.
- d. The General Partner's loss within a calendar year is limited to the General Partner's profit for that year. Thereafter, remaining losses are allocated to the limited partners based on their respective ownership percentages.

**4. Distributions and Withdrawals**

The Partnership is not required to make distributions, but may do so at the discretion of the General Partner. A limited partner may request a withdrawal of his or her entire capital account, or any portion thereof, as of the end of any calendar quarter, by giving 30 days prior written notice to the General Partner; provided that the limited partner maintained his or her investment for a minimum six month period. The General Partner may accept withdrawal requests of shorter notice at its discretion.

**5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Securities owned, securities sold, not yet purchased, and other financial instruments used for trading purposes are recorded in the statement of financial condition at market value, with related unrealized profit or loss included in net trading gain in the statement of operations. As the Partnership operates as a broker-dealer, all financial instruments are stated at a value that approximates fair value.

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**NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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**6. Exchange Membership Put/Call Option Agreements**

The Partnership had entered into exchange membership put/call option agreements with Bear Stearns & Co., Inc. ("BSCI"), an affiliate of the Partnership's former clearing broker. The agreements gave the Partnership the option to purchase memberships from BSCI at a specified price, and gave BSCI the option to sell the memberships to the Partnership at the same price. As part of these agreements, the Partnership was required to pay BSCI 30% of the memberships' original cost (the option premium) and then lease the membership from BSCI at a fee that calculated interest on the outstanding balance due to BSCI, in the event the option was exercised (the exercise price), at the broker call rate plus 1%. The Partnership was also required to subsequently maintain a minimum of 25% equity in the memberships' exercise price in the event of subsequent declines in their market value by making additional option premium payments to BSCI. The exchange membership put/call options were reflected in the statement of financial condition at market value.

During 2002, the Partnership exercised its option to purchase all of the memberships under the put/call option agreements.

**7. Promissory Note Payable**

At December 31, 2002, the Partnership had an unsecured promissory note payable to its clearing broker, Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. ("Merrill Lynch"), totaling \$263,500. The note bears interest at the Federal Funds Rate, as published in the Wall Street Journal, plus 2% and is payable on demand.

**8. Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors**

At December 31, 2002, the Partnership had a cash subordinated loan payable to Merrill Lynch totaling \$1 million. The loan was effected on September 16, 2002, bears interest at the Margin Debit Rate plus 4.65% and is due September 30, 2003. The loan is guaranteed by the managing member of the Partnership's general partner.

**9. Agreements and Related-Party Transactions**

The Partnership has a Joint Back Office ("JBO") clearing agreement with Merrill Lynch. The agreement allows JBO participants to receive favorable margin treatment as compared to the full customer margin requirements of Regulation T. As part of this agreement, the Partnership has invested \$20,000 in the preferred shares of Merrill Lynch. The Partnership's investment in Merrill Lynch is reflected in other assets in the statement of financial condition. Under the rules of the Pacific Exchange, Inc., the agreement requires that the Partnership maintain a minimum net liquidating equity of \$1 million with Merrill Lynch, exclusive of the preferred stock investment.



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**NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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**9. Agreements and Related-Party Transactions, continued**

The Partnership has issued non-recourse promissory notes to its employees in exchange for limited partner capital contributions as a deferred compensation arrangement. The employees' capital balances earn a return equal to the return of other limited partner capital contributions, subject to certain restrictions, as defined in the agreements. The employees must fulfill certain employment criteria for the capital to be fully vested and the notes to be forgiven. During 2002, promissory notes issued totaled approximately \$77,000, promissory notes forgiven totaled approximately \$540,000 and forfeitures on promissory notes totaled approximately \$420,000. During the year ended December 31, 2002, the expense related to the forfeiture or forgiveness of the promissory notes was borne by the General Partner.

The Partnership has entered into trading agreements with certain of its traders (the "self-backed traders"). Under these agreements, the self-backed traders have agreed to contribute capital to fund their trading activities. The self-backed traders receive a percentage of the "net revenues" (trading gains less expenses) of the trading accounts, as defined in the trading agreements. Such allocations are credited to the respective limited partner capital accounts of the self-backed traders. The self-backed traders' profit allocations are deducted from total partnership income before determining the net profit or loss to be allocated to the partners on a pro rata basis.

**10. Trading Activities**

The Partnership trades in exchange traded equities and equity options contracts.

The fair value of derivatives represents long and short options contracts at market value. The following table discloses the approximate fair values of derivative financial instruments held for trading as of December 31, 2002, as well as the approximate quarterly average fair values of derivatives held during 2002:

	December 31, 2002	Average During 2002
Options held	\$ 37,492,000	\$ 50,973,000
Options written	33,178,000	41,692,000

**11. Net Capital Requirements**

The Partnership is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15(c)3-1). Under this rule, the Partnership is required to maintain "net capital" equal to the greater of \$100,000 or 6 and 2/3 % of "aggregate indebtedness", as defined.

At December 31, 2002, the Partnership had net capital and net capital requirements of \$8,480,091 and \$124,494, respectively.

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**NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION, Continued**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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**12. Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business the Partnership enters into transactions in derivative financial instruments and other financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk which include exchange-traded equity options contracts and short stocks.

Options contracts grant the purchaser, for the payment of a premium, the right to either purchase from or sell to the writer a specified instrument under agreed terms. As a writer of options contracts, the Partnership receives a premium in exchange for bearing the risk of unfavorable changes in the price of the securities underlying the options.

Securities sold, not yet purchased, represent obligations of the Partnership to deliver specified securities and thereby create a liability to repurchase the securities in the market at prevailing prices. These transactions may result in off-balance sheet risk as the Partnership's ultimate obligation to satisfy its obligation for securities sold, not yet purchased may exceed the amount recognized in the statement of financial condition.

All financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk and other derivative financial instruments are held for trading purposes.

Risk arises from the potential inability of counterparties or exchanges to perform under the terms of the contracts (credit risk) and from changes in the values of securities, interest rates, currency exchange rates or equity index values (market risk).

The contractual or notional amounts related to derivative financial instruments reflect the volume and activity and do not reflect the amounts at risk. At December 31, 2002, the contract or notional amounts of derivative financial instruments used for trading purposes were as follows:

	<u>\$ Millions</u>
Options held	485
Options written	475

In management's opinion, the market risk is substantially diminished when all financial instruments, including stocks owned and sold, not yet purchased, are aggregated.

At December 31, 2002, a significant credit concentration consisted of approximately \$11.5 million, representing the market value of the Partnership's trading accounts carried by its clearing broker, Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corp. Management does not consider any credit risk associated with this net receivable to be significant.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART III**

**BROKER OR DEALER: CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**

as of **December 31, 2002**

**COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

1.	Total ownership (from Statement of Financial Condition- Item 1800)		\$	<u>11,313,892</u>	[3480]
2.	Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for net capital				[3490]
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for net capital		\$	<u>11,313,892</u>	[3500]
4.	Add:				
	A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital		\$		[3520]
	B. Other (deductions) or allowable subordinated liabilities				[3525]
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities		\$	<u>11,313,892</u>	[3530]
6.	Deductions and/or charges:				
	A. Total non-allowable assets from Statement of Financial Condition (Note B and C) (See detail below)		\$	<u>2,551,060</u>	[3540]
	1. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' security accounts				[3550]
	2. Additional charges for customers' and non-customers' commodity accounts				[3560]
	B. Aged fail-to-deliver				[3570]
	1. Number of items				[3450]
	C. Aged short security differences- less reserved of				[3460]
	2. Number of items				[3470]
	D. Secured demand note deficiency				[3590]
	E. Commodity futures contract and spot commodities proprietary capital charges				[3600]
	F. Other deductions and/or charges				[3610]
	G. Deductions for accounts carried under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7)and (c)(2)(x)				[3615]
	H. Total deduction and/or charges		\$	<u>(2,551,060)</u>	[3620]
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)				[3630]
8.	Net Capital before haircuts on securities positions		\$	<u>8,762,832</u>	[3640]
9.	Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):				
	A. Contractual securities commitments				[3660]
	B. Subordinated securities borrowings				[3670]
	C. Trading and Investment securities				
	1. Bankers' acceptance, certificates of deposit, and commercial paper				[3680]
	2. U.S. and Canadian government obligations				[3690]
	3. State and municipal government obligations				[3700]
	4. Corporate obligations				[3710]
	5. Stocks and warrants				[3720]
	6. Options				[3730]
	7. Arbitrage				[3732]
	8. Other securities		\$	<u>282,741</u>	[3734]
	D. Undue concentration				[3650]
	E. Other (List)				[3736]
			\$	<u>(282,741)</u>	[3740]
10.	Net Capital		\$	<u>8,480,091</u>	[3750]

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**Non-Allowable Assets (line 6.A):**

Promissory notes receivable	\$	708,113
Receivable from general partner		353,145
Exchange memberships		304,300
Fixed assets, net		1,075,875
Other assets		109,627
	\$	<u>2,551,060</u>

**Reconciliation Pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d)4**

The following is a reconciliation of and explanations for differences between the unaudited Focus Part II Report and the audited Focus Part III Report as of December 31, 2002:

<b>Net Capital per Unaudited Focus Part II Report</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,371,972</b>
Expense accrual adjustment		108,119
<b>Net Capital per Audited Focus Part III Report</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>8,480,091</u></b>

**FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL COMBINED UNIFORM SINGLE REPORT  
PART III**

BROKER OR DEALER: **CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**

as of **December 31, 2002**

**COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

**Part A**

11.	Minimum net capital required (6-2/3% of line 19)	\$ 124,494	[3756]
12.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	\$ 100,000	[3758]
13.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 11 or 12)	\$ 124,494	[3760]
14.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 13)	\$ 8,355,597	[3770]
15.	Excess net capital at 1000% (line 10 less 10% of line 19)	\$ 8,293,350	[3780]

**COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS**

16.	Total A.I. liabilities from Statement of Financial Condition	\$ 1,867,414	[3790]
17.	Add:		
	A. Drafts for immediate credit	_____ [3800]	
	B. Market value of securities borrowed for which no equivalent value is paid or credited	_____ [3810]	
	C. Other unrecorded amounts (List)	_____ [3820]	[3830]
18.	Deduct: Adjustment based on deposits in Special Reserve Bank Accounts (15c3-1(c)(1)(vii) )	_____	[3838]
19.	Total aggregate indebtedness	\$ 1,867,414	[3840]
20.	Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital (line 19 – by line 10)	22%	[3850]
21.	Percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital <u>after</u> anticipated capital withdrawals (line 19- by line 10 less item 4880 page 11)	_____	[3853]

**COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT**

**Part B**

22.	2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c-3-3 prepared as of the date of the net capital computation including both brokers or dealers and consolidated subsidiaries debits	_____	[3870]
23.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital requirement of subsidiaries computed in accordance with Note (A)	_____	[3880]
24.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23)	_____	[3760]
25.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 24)	_____	[3910]
26.	Percentage of Net Capital to Aggregate Debits (line 10 ÷ by line 17 page 8)	_____	[3851]
27.	Percentage of Net Capital, <u>after</u> anticipated capital withdrawals, to Aggregate Debits (line 10 less item 4880, page 11 ÷ by line 17 page 8)	_____	[3854]
28.	Net capital in excess of: 5% of combined aggregate debit items or \$300,000	_____	[3920]

**OTHER RATIOS**

**Part C**

29.	Percentage of debt to debt-equity total computed in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(d)	_____	[3860]
30.	Options deductions/Net Capital ratio (1000% test) total deductions exclusive of liquidating equity under Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x) ÷ Net Capital	_____	[3852]

**NOTES:**

- A. The minimum net capital requirement should be computed by adding the minimum dollar net capital requirement of the reporting broker dealer and, for each subsidiary to be consolidated, the greater of:
1. Minimum dollar net capital requirement, or
  2. 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or 2% of aggregate debits if alternative method is used.
- B. Do not deduct the value of securities borrowed under subordination agreements of secured demand notes covered by subordination agreements not in satisfactory form and the market values of memberships in exchanges contributed for use of Partnership (contra to item 1740) and partners securities which were included in non-allowable assets.
- C. For reports filed pursuant to paragraph (d) of Rule 17a-5, respondent should provide a list of material non-allowable assets.

**CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**  
**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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The Partnership did not handle any customer cash or securities during the year ended December 31, 2002 and does not have any customer accounts.

**CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**  
**COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF PAIB RESERVE REQUIREMENTS**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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The Partnership did not handle any proprietary accounts of introducing brokers during the year ended December 31, 2002 and does not have any PAIB accounts.

**CUTLER GROUP, L.P.**  
**INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL**  
**REQUIREMENTS UNDER RULE 15c3-3**  
**as of December 31, 2002**

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The Partnership did not handle any customer cash or securities during the year ended December 31, 2002 and does not have any customer accounts.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON INTERNAL CONTROL**

To the Partners of  
Cutler Group, L.P.

In planning and performing our audit of the statement of financial condition of Cutler Group, L.P. (the "Partnership") as of December 31, 2002, we considered its internal control structure, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17A-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Partnership, including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g), (1) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the reserve required by Rule 15c3-3(e); and (2) in making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13. We did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Partnership in complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, because the Partnership does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

The management of the Partnership is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures, and of the practices and procedures referred to in the proceeding paragraph, and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of an internal control structure and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Partnership has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the proceeding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving the internal control structure, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

Our review indicated that the Partnership, although not exempt from Rule 15c-3-3, had no reporting requirements because it did not transact a business in securities directly with or for other than members of a national securities exchange and did not carry margin accounts, credit balances or securities for any person defined as a "customer" pursuant to Rule 17a-5(c)(4) and that, as of December 31, 2002, no facts came to our attention to indicate that such conditions were not complied with during the period.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the SEC, the Pacific Exchange, Inc., the Chicago Board Options Exchange, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Chicago, Illinois  
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